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On the 9th inst. during the gale which was blowing at the time, a native woman carrying six buckets of pig-wash was blown into the harbour near Kowloon City wharf. The coxswain of the steam launch Willy noticed the unfortunate predicament of the woman and immediately brought his launch alongside the place where the woman had gone down, and after throwing out two life buoys instantly dived into the water. The poor woman, who was drowned, had clung to one of the buckets which had prevented her from rising after entering the water. Soon help was forthcoming and the plucky coxswain was rescued in a very exhausted condition. This brave act was brought to the notice of His Excellency the Governor who presented the coxswain with \$5. At the Magistrate's court, this morning, Mr. J. H. Kemp, directed that the coxswain be presented with a further sum of \$5 from the Poor Box and spoke a few words of appreciation to him.

BANDMANN COMEDY COMPANY.

"A Royal Divorce."

There was a full house last night to witness the performance of "A Royal Divorce" by the Bandmann Comedy Company. The play went with a fine swing, and Miss Florence Hamer ably interpreted the part of the unfortunate Empress Josephine. Miss Hamer is a talented actress and throws her whole soul into her work.

Mention must also be made of Miss Lucy Beaumont, as Marie Louise, and Miss Joan Harcourt, as Lady-in-Waiting to Josephine. Both these ladies acted with dignity and grace, while Mr. Charles Vaneau Napoleon was particularly good. The minor parts came in perfectly and on the whole we have to congratulate the Company on giving such a reproduction of a truly interesting and pathetic story. The scenery was very fine.

To-night's Play.

There should be another crowded house at the Theatre Royal to-night, when an opportunity will be afforded of witnessing this highly diverting farcical comedy "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch," which had a two years' run at the Adelphi Theatre in London, where Mrs. M. C. Cuck appeared in the title role and made the play a distinct success before London audiences. The play is unconventional in character, and furnishes a highly amusing picture of domestic life among the middle classes in the South of England. The action and burlesque situations revolve round "the cabbage patch," of which Mrs. Wiggs is the owner, and whose domestic philosophy is "never put up your umbrella before it rains." The success of the comedy has preceded its appearance in the East, and those who attend at the Theatre to-night will doubtless be delighted with the play.

IMPERIAL PRESS CONFERENCE.

A warm welcome is being prepared for delegates to the Imperial Press Conference, which opens in London on June 7. It will extend over three weeks. Members will be enabled to inspect some great naval base, also to visit industrial, shipbuilding and university centres, and exchange views with leading statesmen and professional men, besides seeing something of English country life under distinguished auspices.

A fine of \$10 was imposed on the master of an unlicensed junk, at the Marine Court to-day, for failing to furnish full particulars at the Harbour Office of the armament of his ship.

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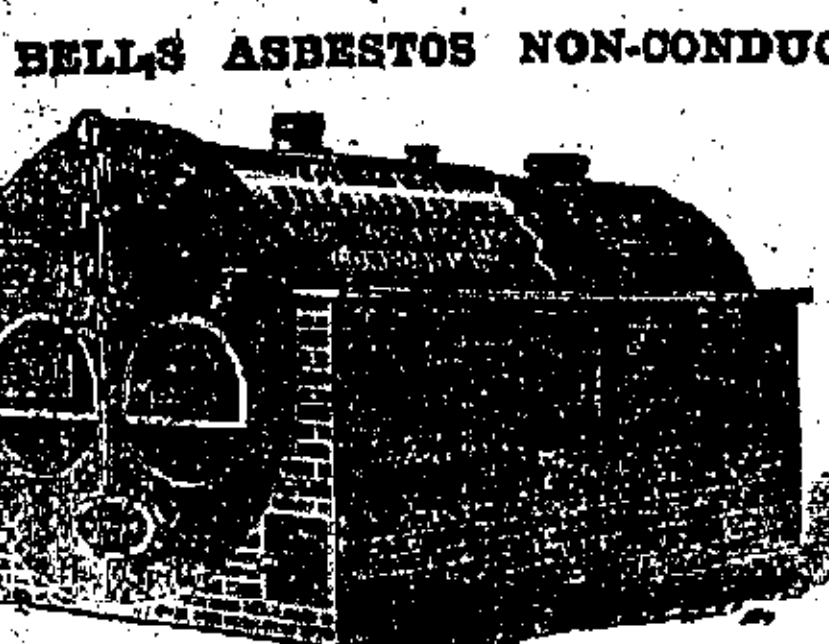
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On account of want of time we were

unable to give the cross-examination of

Mr. Denison, by the members at

the Legislative Council meeting, in our

issue of last night.

Hon. Mr. Pollock:—Can you suggest,

Mr. Denison, any method for carrying a

tram along the proposed blue route other

than the steel truss viaduct which would

cause less noise?—Concrete arches might

be erected.

Do you think that would be more expen-

sive?—I think it would be more more

expensive.

His Excellency:—Would the noise still

be so great as to inconvenience people in

the cathedral?—Yes, your Excellency. I

think the pulleys alone would be sufficient

to inconvenience them. Even on the present

tramway the noise is rather excessive.

Hon. Attorney-General:—Would the

noise on the proposed tramway be greater

than that caused by the electric trams in

the streets?—Yes.

Hon. Colonial Secretary:—Are you a

member of the Union Church, Mr. Denison?

—No.

Have you ever attended divine service

there?—Yes.

Did you suffer any inconvenience from

the noise of the pulleys on the Peak tram-

way?—I don't remember doing so, but the

line there is straight, and on the solid.

Do you know the distance between the

Union Church building and the central

line of the Peak tramway?—I should say

about 30 or 40 feet.

And the distance in this case is said to

be 80 yards?

Sir Henry Berkeley:—340 feet from the

cathedral, and 68 feet from the houses.

By Sir Henry Berkeley:—The Peak

tramway at that part passes over the

street?—Yes, but the cars just there travel

very slowly. The car is opposite the com-

pressor, so there is scarcely any noise.

The Union Church is a Protestant

Church, isn't it?—Yes.

And there are no masses and confes-

sions?—No.

Hon. Mr. Slade:—With regard to the

privacy, couldn't that objection be easily

obviated by a screen or barricade run up

alongside the line to prevent people in cars

looking into those houses?—Yes.

Hon. Mr. Hewitt:—But that would

block out a good deal of the view of the

gardens?—Yes.

You stated just now that you thought a

cutting would be cheaper than tunnels.

Can you give the committee any idea of

the difference between the tunnel and the

tunnel scheme?—I have not gone into it.

Hon. Director of Public Works:—Your

firm, Mr. Denison, were the original engi-

neers engaged on this scheme, were they

not?—Yes.

And the alignment shown on that plan

on red is the alignment originally proposed

by you, I think?—Yes.

And that was absolutely refused by Sir

Matthew Nathan when he was Governor,

was it not?—I don't know. I was not here

at the time.

You know you were required to prepare

another scheme giving a different route?—

No, I understand the route was the same.

As a matter of fact the route was deviated

to some extent. If you referred to the noise

a train makes in passing, such a bridge as

the Forth bridge: that is rather an ex-

aggerated comparison is it not? A train

would make much more noise than a tram

car?—Eight carriages will make more noise

than one.

And the weight of carriages will be im-

mensely greater than a tramcar?—Yes, I

should say a train would be slightly heavier

But in this case there is not only the

carriage wheels, but pulleys.

You don't anticipate hearing this noise a

mile off?—No, but if the line was half a

mile away it would make a very loud noise

in the cathedral.

You think it would be heard half a mile

away?—Yes.

As regards the privacy of the houses, is

there not a path in the gardens at the

present time just about on a level with the

principal rooms in these houses?—Yes, but

it is almost entirely hidden by trees.

Wouldn't the trees interpose between

the tramway and the houses quite as much

as between the path and houses?—No, I

think to make the tramway you will have

to cut down these trees.

You agree that the pathway overlooks

the houses to at least as great an extent

as the tramway would?—I don't think so. A

certain number of trees must be cut down

to make the tramway.

All the trees are between the pathway

and the houses, and the tramway will be

on the further side of the pathway from

the houses, so that if the trees interpose

between the pathway and the houses they

must interpose between the tramway and

the houses?—To a certain extent.

Anybody could stand in that pathway

and look into the houses as much as they

pleased?—Yes.

Whereas on the tramway the tram would

whisk them past at a considerable rate?—

That is so.

And the tramway will also be at a

greater elevation than the pathway, so the

principal view passengers will get will be

at the tops of these houses?—I think you

said just now that the pathway was higher

than the tramway.

The Director of Public Works:—No, the

tramway is higher than the pathway.

Mr. Denison:—And you got a better view

of the bedrooms.

Sir Henry Berkeley:—Your Excellency,

the first observation I will make is that no

evidence has been called here to support

the suggestion of the Director of Public

Works, and I take it that the evidence of

Mr. Denison makes it clear that the

tramway is not a better view than the

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FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 PER CENT. per
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For the Hongkong and Shanghai
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J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, January 12, 1907. 151

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On Fixed Deposits for 12 months 4 7
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JOHN ARMSTRONG,
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 Hongkong, May 13, 1908. 6

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MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

Miscellaneous
10 a.m.—Prize distribution at Bellios
Public School, by Mr E. D. C. Wolfe.
Goods per Prinz Waldemar undelivered
after this date subject to rent.

Auctions
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Leather Goods,
at Mr Geo. P. Lammer's Sales Rooms.
5 p.m.—Auction of a Quantity of Toys,
at Mr Geo. P. Lammer's Sales Rooms.
Amusements
9 p.m.—Performance at City Hall.

General Memoranda.

Monday, December 21:
10 a.m.—Auction of Victualling Stores,
at H.M. Naval Establishments.
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Magnificent Col-
lection of Oil-paintings, at City Hall.
4 p.m.—Prize Distribution at St. Joseph's
College.
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this date subject to rent.

Tuesday, December 22:
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ed to THE MANAGER.

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HONGKONG, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1908.

SPITTING.

It will be interesting to observe the
educational processes of the next six
months with regard to the spitting
nuisance. Much depends, of course,
on the methods adopted; but if a
reasonable line of action is pursued
we have little doubt that a very con-
siderable improvement will be effected
between now and June next. Every-
one is agreed in these days of widely
diffused scientific knowledge that the
habit of expectoration in public is not
only filthy and disgusting, but highly
insanitary, being fraught with pos-
sibilities of great mischief. But there
was a good deal of commonsense in
the arguments brought forward by
those who opposed the granting of the
power asked for by the Government,
though we do not go so far as to
endorse all that fell from the lips of
the Hon. Dr Ho Kai and the Hon.
Mr Wei Yuk and other unofficial
members of Council. The Chinese,
however, are a most reasonable people,
and if they can be brought to see that
the regulation of the spitting habit is
as much for their benefit as anybody's
we must anticipate little trouble, nay
a cheerful acquiescence in the wishes
of the Government. For one thing if
this much needed reform can be brought
about we expect the Chinese com-
munity will reap a great advantage in
the check which it will give to the
ravages among them of pulmonary dis-
eases, at present one of their worst
 scourges.

THE GROWTH OF LONDON.

To judge from the statistics just
published by the London County Coun-
cil, the growth of the "great wen,"
which filled a writer in Queen Anne's
days with amazement, continues as
steadily as ever. It is now estimated
that the population in the area adminis-
tered by the County Council is
4,795,798, and that of Greater London,
which includes Middlesex and part of the
counties of Hertfordshire, Kent, Surrey,
and Essex 7,323,326. In the adminis-
trative county alone there are 101 local
government bodies, with a total number
of members of 3783. Besides the Lon-
don County Council, the 28 metropol-
itan borough councils and the City of
London Corporation, there are 31 boards
of guardians, four boards of school
district managers, two boards of sick
asylum district managers, the Metropoli-
tan Asylums Board, the Central Unem-
ployed Body, 20 district committees,
the Metropolitan Water Board, the
Thames Conservancy Board, and the
Lea Conservancy Board.

London's parliamentary electorate now
numbers 666,833, while the electorate
for the County Council is 816,593. A
comparison of the votes polled in Lon-
don in the general election of 1906 and in
Berlin for the Reichstag election of 1907
shows that in London, of a total elec-
torate of 620,423 (out of a population of
4,756,217), 485,718 persons, or a per-
centage of 78.3, polled, whereas in Berlin,
out of a population of 1,865,213, there
was an electorate of 403,447, of whom
372,087, or 77.4 per cent., polled.

The latest vital statistics given are
those for 1905, which show that in the
administrative county there were 40,435
marriages as compared with 39,058
in the previous year, of which 26,412
took place in the Established Church
and 8,973 at registry offices; 35,033
of the marriages were between bachelors
and spinsters, 1,418 between bachelors
and widows, 2167 widowers and spin-
sters, and 1197 widowers and widows.
The total number of illiterate persons
who married showed a slight decline.
The number of births during the year
was 126,392, a slight decline as com-
pared with the previous year. The
death rate of males was 16.49 per
thousand and of females 14.07.

The income of charitable agencies in
and available for the metropolis during
1907 was approximately £20,066,403, of
which sum £1,138,810 was contributed
for medical aid and £1,135,894 for
general and special relief, £322,468 for
institutions for the blind, £601,011 to
benevolent institutions, and £728,682 to
institutions for social and physical
improvement. The total amount of
subscriptions to hospitals in 1906 in
greater London was £347,762, but the
total ordinary income was £846,820.
The total expenditure was £999,982.
The number of in-patients at the
hospitals with medical schools numbered
65,285, while out-patients paid 1,996,464
visits. To the Metropolitan Asylums
Board hospitals 26,004 cases were
admitted. The total number of paupers
in the London unions on January 1,
1907, was 144,897, of whom 25,077
were insane and 1066 were vagrants.
The total expenditure of the London
guardians upon "in-maintenance"
during the year ended Lady Day, 1907,
was £1,095,745, as compared with
£3,332,326 for the whole of England
and Wales.

There are in the administrative area
7187 "on" licensed premises and 2656
"off" licensed houses. The greater
number of "on" licences are in Stepney,
675, Westminster coming next with
663, and the City of London 471. The
City has the greatest number of "off"
licensed premises. Since the Licensing
Act, 1904, came into operation a total
amount of £553,968 has been paid in
respect of compensation. Owing to a
deficiency of funds the sum of £44,724
agreed upon in 1907 for compensation
in respect of eleven licences has been
left over till December next.

The London Fire Brigade during 1907
received 6570 calls, of which 1301 were
false alarms, 864 chimney fires, 3250
light fires, and 10 serious outbreaks.

The number of persons injured was 257,
while 93 were killed. The number of
miles run by brigade appliances was
129,702, and 13,500,000 gallons of water
were used for extinguishing fires. It is
interesting to note, while on this aspect
of London statistics, that the gross
amount insured in respect of property
in the administrative county in 1906
was £1,040,057,846. The number of
false alarms received in London (1901)
is much greater than in Continental
cities. For instance, in Paris there
were 504 false calls, in Berlin 489, and
in Vienna 340.

The free libraries now play an im-
portant part in the life of London
people. The latest statistics to hand
show that during 1905-6 there were
226,438 borrowers, and the number of
books issued was 6,300,387. As to the
educational value of the reading done
we have our doubts, considering the
sad decay in manners which the last
decade has seen.

During 1907 3,736,918 persons passed
through Blackwall Tunnel, 5,331,920
through Greenwich Tunnel, and 5,892,
194 persons utilised Woolwich Ferry.
Last year there were 2557 horse omni-
buses and 1205 motor omnibuses on the
streets, as compared with 2964 and
753 respectively the previous year.
There are in all 146 omnibus routes,
with a total mileage of 814. The num-
ber of passengers carried by the local
railways, the tramways and the prin-
cipal omnibus companies in Greater
London last year was 1,223,990,179,
made up as follows:—Railways,
363,784,894; tramways 685,085,285;
omnibuses, 274,500,000; or 162.6 jour-
neys per head of population.

That London is rather a spendthrift
is shown by the table setting forth the
public debt. If the debt of the City of
London Corporation, secured upon the
City's revenues and estates and not up-
on the rates, be added to the debt
secured on the rates, the total debt in the
City for local purposes will be found to
amount to £5,872,441, equivalent to 109
per cent. of rateable value; and the
debt for local and county purposes to
£15,558,031, equivalent to 280 per cent.
of rateable value. Truly these are pro-
digious figures.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

A native fell from the verandah of the
third floor of a house, in Hollywood Road,
this morning, and died on his way to the
hospital.

Mr Fletcher S. Brockman, National
Secretary of the Y.M.C.A. of China,
Korea and Hongkong, is to address a
meeting at the European branch on Sunday,
at 9 p.m.

For stealing two leather belts, value
fifty cents, belonging to the Hongkong
and Whampoa Dock Co., a native was
sentenced to one month's imprisonment
at the Magistracy to-day.

The cross-examination of Mr Denison
at the Legislative Council, in connection
with the Tramway Bill appears on pages 2
and 3, while sporting news will be found
on page 8. Other news appear on page 1.

At the Supreme Court to-day Mr
Justice Gompertz gave judgment for \$402
and costs in the case in which Mr O. D.
Thomson sued Mak Ju Tong, complainant
to Messrs Reuter, Brockelmann and Co.,
for \$890.65 for professional services.

In the case in which a stevedore sued
Messrs Wallam and Co., as agents of the
vessel Christian Dora, to recover \$278.04
for work done, Mr Justice Gompertz to-
day gave judgment, in the Supreme Court,
for a sum of \$706.37 in favour of plaintiff.

While Mr Jose G. Aquinane was
looking at the exhibits in the window of
the Lucio Diamond Palace he was sur-
prised to feel a hand in his pocket. How-
ever he caught the offender in the act and
at the Magistracy to-day, defendant was
sentenced to six months' imprisonment.

The following paragraph from the
Oshenev-American shows a novel form of
calling attention to the financial situa-
tion:—"Uncle Sam is short \$114,000,000
on last year's business. In the same twelve
months Americans at home drank over
3,000,000 gallons of booze. If all would
go on the water wagon for a fortnight and
give Uncle Sam the money saved, the
deficit would be met. Who'll be the first
here to help out his country?"

POOR GIRL.—Those fearful heartaches
are spoiling her good looks. Stearns'
Headache Cure would stop them in no
time. Why not try it? No bad taste, no
bad effects.

ALLEGED GERMAN COUNT ARRESTED.

RINGLEADER OF THE ALGERIAN REVOLUTIONARIES.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuter,
via Bombay.)
London, December 17.

The ringleader of the Algerian
revolutionaries has been arrested.
He is alleged to be a German Count
employed by a desertion agency.

The French Press express the utmost
indignation and the Temps asks if
foreigners are to have the right to sow
disorder in the French army.

IMPERIAL AUDIENCE.

(Wah Te Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, December 17.
Leung Jun-in was received in
audience by the Prince Regent on the
14th inst. He was allowed the privilege
of being seated.

IMPERIAL BODYGUARD.

(Wah Te Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, December 17.
The guards of the Imperial Palace,
especially deputed to garrison the
residence of the young Emperor, will
consist of an establishment of 600 men.

ANOTHER RAILWAY PROPOSAL.

A LINK WITH TIBET.

(Wah Te Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, December 17.
The proposal to raise a fund for the
construction of a railway from Szechuen
Province to Tibet is being considered.

SUGGESTED NEW ITALIAN CONSULATE.

(Wah Te Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, December 17.
The Italian Minister, has approached
the Board of Foreign Affairs with a view
to a consulate being established in
Mengtze, Yunnan Province.

ABOLITION OF LIKIN TAX.

THE PROPOSAL CRITICISED.

(Wah Te Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, December 17.
The Board of Foreign Affairs has
been memorialised to the effect that the
plan for increasing customs rates and
abolishing likin would affect the
provincial revenue, a that the proposal
should be maturely reconsidered by the
customs and all Provincial authorities
before adoption.

During the absence of the Ven. Arch-
deacon Banister, from the Colony, the
Rev. E. T. Barnett, St Stephen's College,
will act as Secretary of the Church Mis-
sionary Society.

"I wish you would take my wife," said
a hard-pressed debtor to his creditor at
the Whitechapel County Court.

A NOTABLE FACT.

THE absence of all narcotics makes
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Hongkong, November 14, 1908.

NEAR EASTERN CRISIS.

RUSSIA AGREES TO PRELIM- INARY EXCHANGE OF VIEWS.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuter,
via Bombay.)

London, December 17.
The Times' correspondent at St
Petersburg says that Russia, after
consulting with Great Britain and
France, accepts the Austrian proposal
to have a preliminary exchange of
views of the several Cabinets concerned,
regarding the annexation of Bosnia, but
such acceptance only concerns the
modus procedendi without in any way
being prejudicial to the programme to
be submitted to the conference to follow.

PRINCE REGENT'S CIVIL ALLOWANCE.

(Wah Te Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, December 17.
The Prince Regent has reconsidered
the proposals of the Board of Rites and
the Imperial Household Department
regarding his status and his allowance
from the Civil List. His Highness has
cut down the allowance to \$150,000
a year.

DEATH OF WANG WEN- SHAO.

(Wah Te Yat Po's Service.)

PEKING, December 17.
Wang Wen-shao, formerly of the
Taungthi Yamen, has died at his native
city, Hangchow, Chekiang.

ISSUE OF SOUTHERN MANCHU- RIAN RAILWAY BONDS.

(REUTERS'S SERVICE.)

LONDON, December 16.
The "Standard" states that £2,000-
000, bonds of the Manchurian railway,
bearing 5% interest, will be issued
shortly. The issue to be guaranteed
by the Japanese government.

BANQUET TO SIR ROBERT HART.

(Wah Te Yat Po's Service.)

LONDON, December 16.
The London Chamber of Commerce
has given a banquet to Sir Robert Hart,
at which Sir Robert predicted a great
future for China and said that he
believed the Regent would carry on
the work of progress. Mr Mackinnon
Wood said that China must rejoice in
the Japanese-American agreement, which
was a guarantee of peace and the open
door.

THE PANAMA CANAL.

(Wah Te Yat Po's Service.)

LONDON, December 16.
President Roosevelt, in a special
Message to Congress, denounces in the
most vehement manner, the allegations
of corruption and acquisition re the
Panama Canal as infamous libels upon
the individual officials and the Govern-
ment. The real offender is Mr Pulitzer,
the editor of the World. It is there-
fore the high national duty to bring to
justice this wicked villain of the
American people.

THE SOUTH MANCHURIAN RAILWAY LOAN.

(Wah Te Yat Po's Service.)

LONDON, December 16.
The South Manchurian Railway loan
has been issued at £97.10, and is now
quoted at 1 per cent. premium.

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YOKOHAMA	YOKOHAMA	Dec. 10, 1905	Passenger and Freight
SHANGHAI	SHANGHAI	Dec. 10, 1905	Passenger and Freight
LONDON, via UGUA PORT	LONDON	Dec. 10, 1905	Passenger and Freight
LONDON & ANTWERP	LONDON	Dec. 10, 1905	Passenger and Freight

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EMPEROR OF JAPAN ... 6000 Tons	Saturday, Mar. 26, 1906
EMPEROR OF CHINA ... 6000 Tons	Saturday, Apr. 10, 1906
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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.	DESTINATIONS.	VESSELS.	SAILING DATES, 1906.
MARSEILLES, LONDON AND ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID.	WAKASA MARU.	Capt. N. Nielsen, Tons 6245	WEDNESDAY, 23rd Dec., at Daylight.
VICTORIA, B.C., and SEATTLE, via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA and OYAMA.	SADO MARU.	Capt. G. Anderson, Tons 6227	WEDNESDAY, 6th Jan., at Daylight.
SYDNEY and VICTORIA, via MANILA, CEBU, DAVAO, and BRISBANE.	* TOSA MARU.	Capt. T. L. Harrison, Tons 5828	TUESDAY, 22nd Dec., at Noon.
SHANGHAI and KOBE.	* SHINANO MARU.	Capt. K. Kowara, Tons 6388	TUESDAY, 5th Jan., at Noon.
NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.	* YETOROFU MARU.	Capt. K. Sato, Tons 2940	THURSDAY, 24th Dec., at Noon.
KOBE and YOKOHAMA.	* KUMANO MARU.	Capt. N. Matheson, Tons 5076	WEDNESDAY, 23rd Dec., at Noon.
	* SANUKI MARU.	Capt. K. Honma, Tons 6112	SATURDAY, 20th Dec., at Daylight.

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T. KUSUMOTO, Manager.

Hongkong, November 2, 1905.

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* ASIA	9,600	SATURDAY,	2nd Jan., at Noon.
* MONGOLIA	27,000	SATURDAY,	9th Jan., at Noon.
* TENYO MARU	21,000	TUESDAY,	16th Jan., at Noon.
* KOREA	18,000	SATURDAY,	30th Jan., at Noon.

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For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Companies, KING'S BUILDING.

S. SILVERSTONE, Agent.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LD.

SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.	VESSELS.	SAILING DATES, 1906.
TSINGTAO, WEIHAIWEI & CHEFOO.	SHANGHAI	Dec. 19, at 2 p.m.
NINGPO & SHANGHAI	FOOCHOW	Dec. 19, at 4 p.m.
HOIHOW & HAIPHONG	SINGAN	Dec. 21, at 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI	CHENAN	Dec. 21, at 4 p.m.
MANILA, ZAMBANGA, FT. DARWIN, THURDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNE, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY, MELBOURNE, with transhipment for TASMANIA, NEW ZEALAND, ADELAIDE, FREMANTLE & PERTH.	TAIWAN	Dec. 22, at 4 p.m.
CHEN & HOIHOW	SURONGYANG	Dec. 24, at 4 p.m.
MANILA STEAMERS & TIENTSIN STEAMERS have superior passenger accommodation, with Electric Light throughout and Electric Fans in the State-rooms and Dining Saloon.	TEAN	Dec. 27, at 4 p.m.

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REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE BETWEEN HONGKONG, SOUTH CHINA COAST PORTS AND FORMOSA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.	VESSELS.	SAILING DATES, 1906.
* DAIKAI MARU.	TAMSU, via AMOY.	SATURDAY, 19th Dec., at 4 p.m.
* JOSHIN MARU.	TAMSU, via SWATOW AND AMOY.	SUNDAY, 20th Dec., at 8 a.m.
* BUJUN MARU.	SHANGHAI, via SWATOW, AMOY AND FOOCHOW.	TUESDAY, 22nd Dec., at 8 a.m.
* SHOSHU MARU.	AMOI, via SWATOW AND AMOY.	WEDNESDAY, 23rd Dec., at 8 a.m.

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FOR	VESSELS.	TO SAIL, 1906.
NAPLES, GENOA, ALGIERES, ROME, GIBRALTAR, SOUTHAMPTON, TON, ANTWERP & HAMBURG.	Capt. M. Formas	WEDNESDAY, 30th Dec., at Noon.
SHANGHAI, TSINGTAO, NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.	Capt. G. Mader	FRIDAY, 18th Dec.
MANILA, YAP, NEW GUINEA, SAMARAI, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE.	Capt. F. Iske	THURSDAY, 31st Dec., at 5 a.m.
KUDAT and SANDAKAN.	Capt. F. Seabill	19th Dec., at 10 a.m.

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NOTHING NEW UNDER THE SUN.

Early Chinese Inventions.

Some exceedingly interesting observations on early inventions in China were made by Sir Robert Hart at a meeting of the China Society held in London. Sir Robert Hart said it was perhaps strange that the Chinese had not continued in the path of invention, but they probably felt satisfied with what their fathers had done and left it to others to go ahead. During his first year in China, in 1864, when passing Shanghai, he was told the children amused themselves in the street by talking to each other with a long piece of string between them and a piece of wood at each end. That was the beginning of the telephone. A few months afterwards he was at the city of Ningpo, and called on the Chinese Admiral, who took him into his courtyard and showed him a gun which he had arranged himself. He had welded together twelve barrels, and had made a revolving gun. That was one of the first revolvers made. A Viceroy once told him that, according to their old books, three thousand years ago, when China was divided into many states, the prince of one of the states, when he wished to send a confidential message to an allied prince, used to make use of a peculiar kind of box, into which he spoke his message, and sealed it up with a peculiar kind of paper. When the box was opened by the prince to whom it was sent the words of the speaker were heard, and in exactly the same tone of voice. That was the first phonograph. Later the English had been going to China for their amusements, for diabolos, which were recently so much in vogue, was to be seen in Peking every day, and had been seen there for ages innumerable. That the Chinese were gifted with inventive power was shown in the various simple instruments used in their handicrafts and arts, while a few years ago a humble watchmaker at Foochow brought out an important invention for the manipulation of cotton. They were a most intelligent people. They could learn anything, do anything, and had a very great future before them. (Cheers.)

EASTERN EXTENSION TELEGRAPH CO.

The half-yearly ordinary general meeting of the Eastern Extension, Australasia and China Telegraph Company, Limited, was held on 10th November under the presidency of Sir John Wolfe Barry, K.C.B.

In moving the adoption of the report and accounts the Chairman said: The gross revenue for the half-year under review amounted, in round numbers, to £293,000, against £264,000 for the corresponding period of 1907, showing therefore a decrease of £29,000, which we hold to be due to the commercial depression that appeared all over the Far East about a year ago, and which, unfortunately, still prevails. Even with Australia, where good rains and other favourable conditions have continued, the traffic shows a falling off during the half-year, although we have managed to hold our own fairly well in the keen competition that is still going on with the State-owned British Pacific cable, at a cost to the Government of some £262,000 a year—a very unfair competition, in my opinion. The net profit for the half-year was, roundly, £120,000, and after adding £20,000 brought forward from the previous half-year there remained an available balance of £140,000. The usual quarterly interim dividends of 2s. 6d. per share, or at the rate of 5 per cent per annum, have been paid for the past half-year, leaving a balance of, roundly, £60,000 to be carried. The general reserve fund has been debited with the cost of the Java-Cocos cable, amounting to £28,944, together with £8,762 for partial renewals of cables carried out during the past half-year. The concession obtained from the Tasmanian Government nearly 40 years ago, giving us the exclusive right of working between Tasmania and Victoria, together with a subsidy of £4,200 per annum, expires early next year, and as the Australian Government, who, since the Commonwealth was established, have controlled all the telegraphs in Australia, have decided to lay and work cables of their own between Tasmania and the mainland, we shall have to close our Tasmanian stations, and remove the two existing cables, unless a new arrangement is come to with the Government on the subject, which I fear is very remote, as we received from that Government nothing but unfair competition and continuous attempts to oppress the company. I may also mention that we have had to resort to legal proceedings against the Australian Government to recover the difference between the value of the traffic passing over the Tasmanian cables at the tariff fixed for such traffic and the amount of the guarantee (£25,000 per annum) agreed to be paid by the Government to the company in the event of the traffic falling short of that amount.

The Marquess of Tweeddale, K.T., seconded the resolution, which was carried unanimously.

Mr. John Newton, in moving a vote of thanks to the chairman and directors, congratulated them on the results which had been obtained under adverse circumstances. The motion was seconded by Colonel H. Mitchell, and carried unanimously.

The Chairman having replied, the proceedings terminated.

"My little girl would not tell a lie," was declared at the Whitehall County Court. "Nonsense," replied Judge Bacon. "Then I must be a liar."

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INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LD.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

FOR	VESSELS.	TO SAIL.
SHANGHAI	CHONGYANG	SUNDAY, Dec. 10, Daylight
SHANGHAI	YAT-SING	SATURDAY, Dec. 20, Daylight
SHANGHAI	KUONSHING	MONDAY, Dec. 21, at 4 p.m.
SINGAPORE, PENANG, AND CALCUTTA	NAM-SANG	TUESDAY, Dec. 22, at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI, TSINGTAO, WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & CHINGWANTAO	OBEONG-SHING	WEDNESDAY, Dec. 23, at Noon.
MANILA	YUN-SANG	THURSDAY, Dec. 24, at 4 p.m.
SINGAPORE, PENANG, AND CALCUTTA	LAISANG	SATURDAY, Dec. 26, at Noon.

RETURN TOURS TO JAPAN, Occupying 24 days.

THE steamers Kiang, Namang and Tsouang leave about every 3 weeks for Shanghai and Yokohama, returning via Kobe (Inland Sea) and Moji to Hongkong, providing a stay of 5 to 6 days in Japan if passengers leave the steamer at Yokohama and return at Kobe.

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STEAMERS	FOR	LEAVING
HAITAN	SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.	FRIDAY, 18th Dec., at Noon.
HAIMUN	SWATOW.	SUNDAY, 20th Dec., at 10 a.m.
HAICHING	SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.	TUESDAY, 22nd Dec., at Noon.

For the convenience of Passengers, Steamers will arrive at, and depart from, the Company's Wharf (near Blake Pier).

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Hongkong, November 17, 1905.

MESSAGERIES MARITIMES FRENCH MAIL LINES.

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FORTNIGHTLY SERVICE TO AND FROM JAPAN, Via SHANGHAI.

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FORTNIGHTLY SERVICE TO AND FROM JAPAN

Via SHANGHAI.

FOR	STEAMERS	CAPTAIN	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA	TOKIN.	CHARBONNEL.	Dec. 21, p.m.
MARSEILLES, Via PORT SAID... DUMBEA.		BOYER.	Dec. 23, at 1 p.m.
SHANGHAI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA	SYDNEY.	HENRIC.	Jan. 4, p.m., 1906.
MARSEILLES, Via PORT SAID... ERNEST SIMONS, GRAND		GIBARD.	Jan. 5, at 1 p.m.

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Hongkong, April 9, 1905.

THE EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN MAIL SERVICE TO AUSTRALIA.

MAIL SCHEDULE. (SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION.)

STEAMERS	ARRIVE HONGKONG FROM AUSTRALIA.	LEAVE HONGKONG FOR AUSTRALIA.
EMPIRE	14th Dec.	7th January, 1906
EASTERN	11th Jan., 1906	4th February
ALDENHAM	8th Feb.	4th March

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Hongkong, November 7, 1905.

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STEAMERS	Leave Colombo	Connecting Steamers from Colombo to MARSEILLES & LONDON	Due at MARSEILLES (Brindisi 2 days earlier)	Due at LONDON (1 day later)
DELTA	8000	Dec. 25	Jan. 23	Jan. 23
ASBAY	7600	18-9 Jan. 9	Feb. 6	Feb. 13
DELHI	8000	Jan. 23	Feb. 20	Feb. 27
DEVANHA	8000	Feb. 6	Mar. 6	Mar. 13
BRITANNIA	7600	Feb. 20	Mar. 20	Mar. 27
DELTA	8000	Mar. 6	Apr. 6	Apr. 13
MAEDONIA	10500	Mar. 20	Apr. 20	Apr. 27
DELHI	8000	Apr. 6	May 6	May 13
DEVANHA	8000	Apr. 20	May 20	May 27

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ASBAY	7000	Jan. 13 (1909)
DELHI	7000	Jan. 27
DEVANHA	7000	Feb. 10
BRITANNIA	7000	Feb. 24
DELTA	7000	Mar. 10
MAEDONIA	7000	Mar. 24
DELHI	7000	Apr. 7
DEVANHA	7000	Apr. 21

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TOJIWONG	JAPAN	First half January	JAVA	First half January
TOIKINI	JAVA	Second half January	JAPAN	Second half January
TOIJATAP	JAVA	First half February	SHANGHAI	First half February
TOIBODAS	JAVA	Do.	JAPAN	Do.

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Yong Buildings, 1st Floor.
Hongkong, September 24, 1908.

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Steamship	Tons	Captain	For	Sailing Date
ZAFIRO	2540	R. Rodger	Manila	SATURDAY, Dec. 19, at Noon.
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THE Company's Steamship
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A. NALIN,
Agent.

Hongkong, December 16, 1908. 1687

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1909.
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Hongkong, December 12, 1908. 1674

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cific, and will proceed to Hongkong.
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Princes Buildings
Hongkong, November 27, 1908. 1609UNITED STATES & CHINA-JAPAN
STEAMSHIP LINE.FOR NEW YORK AND BOSTON, VIA
SUZ CANAL.(With Liberty to Call at the Malayan
Coast.)The Steamship
HAWAII,
Captain WILLIAMS, will be despatched as
above on TUESDAY, the 5th January,
1909.
For Freight, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,
Agents.
Hongkong, December 12, 1908. 1617EAST PRATA REGULATION
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NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM EUROPE.

THE H.A.L. Steamship
SARCELINA.Captain FORTIN, having arrived, Con-
signees of Cargo are hereby requested to
send in their Bills of Lading for counter-
signature by the Undersigned and to take
immediate delivery of their Goods from
alongside.Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless
notice to the contrary be given before
TODAY.Any Cargo impeding her discharge will
be landed into the Godowns and/or extra
hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and
Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd.,
and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.
All Claims must be presented within ten
days of the steamer's arrival here, after
which date they cannot be received.
No Claims will be admitted after the
Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods
remaining undelivered after the 22nd inst.,
will be subject to rent.All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods
are to be left in the Godowns, where they
will be examined on the 21st inst., at 5 p.m.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE,
Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, December 15, 1908. 1688

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.The Company's Steamship Laticia
having arrived from the above Ports,
Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby
informed that their goods will be delivered
from alongside.Cargo impeding the discharge or remain-
ing on board after 4 p.m. the 17th inst.
will be landed at Consignees' risk and
expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be counter-signed by
JARDINE MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, December 15, 1908. 1688

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVI-
GATION COMPANY.FROM TRIESTE, PORT SAID, SUZ,
ADEN, BOMBAY, COLOMBO,
PENANG AND SINGAPORE.The Company's Steamship Peria
having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are
hereby informed that their Goods are
being landed at their risks, into the God-
owns and/or extra hazardous Godowns of
the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and
Godown Company, Ltd., whence delivery
may be obtained.From Trieste ex s.s. Africa, transhipped
at Bombay.Optional Cargo will be discharged here
unless notice to the contrary be given
immediately.No Claims will be admitted after the
Goods have left the Godowns, and all
Claims must be sent to the Office of the
Undersigned before Noon, on the 23rd
December, 1908, or they will not be
received.No Fire Insurance has been effected, and
any Goods remaining in the Godowns after
the 23rd December, 1908, will be subject
to rent.Bills of Lading will be counter-signed by
SANDER, WHEELER & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 17, 1908. 1698

IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD BREMEN.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship
FRANZ WALDEMAR,
having arrived, Consignees of cargo are
hereby informed that their Goods, with the
exception of Opium, Treasure and Valu-
ables, are being landed and stored at their
risk into the hazardous Godowns of the
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown
Company, Ltd., whence delivery may be
obtained.No Claims will be admitted after the
Goods have left the Godowns, and all
Goods remaining undelivered after the 21st
December, will be subject to rent.All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods
are to be left in the Godowns, where they
will be examined on the 21st of December
at 5.30 a.m.All Claims must reach us before the 22nd
of December, 1908, or they will not be
received.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be counter-signed by
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 15, 1908. 1698

Notice to Consignees

THE
OCEAN STEAMSHIP
CO., LTD.AND
THE CHINA MUTUAL
STEAM NAVIGATION
CO., LTD.

Notice to Consignees.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo ex
THE OCEAN STEAMSHIP
and THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANIES' steam-
ers are hereby notified that
on and after 1st JANUARY,
1909, all cargo ex these steamers
will be landed into HOLT'S
WHARF, KOWLOON, which
will be open from that date to
receive and store cargo.
For Storage Rates and other particulars
apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents:
THE OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO., Ltd.
THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM
NAVIGATION CO., Ltd.
HOLT'S WHARF.
Hongkong, December 14, 1908. 1682

NIPPON Yusen Kaisha.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FORM MID/LESBOROUGH, ANT-
WERP, LONDON, COLOMBO
AND SINGAPORE.The Co.'s Steamship Kowachi Maru,
having arrived from the above Ports,
Consignees of Cargo are hereby in-
formed that their Goods are being landed
and placed at their risk in the Godowns
and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's
Godowns at Kowloon, where each consign-
ment will be sorted out mark by mark and
delivery can be obtained as soon as the
Goods are landed.
Optional Goods will be carried on unless
instructions are given to the contrary be-
fore 8 N.O.T.O.D.
Goods not cleared before the 18th Dec.
will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Damaged Packages must be left in the
Godowns for examination by the Con-
signees and the Co.'s representatives at an
appointed hour. All claims must be pre-
sented within seven days of the steamer's
arrival here, after which date they cannot
be recognized. No claims will be admitted
after the goods have left the Godowns.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

Hongkong, December 12, 1908. 1678

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO, HONOLULU,
AND SHANGHAI.CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above
named Vessel are hereby informed
that their Goods are being landed and
placed at their risk in the Godowns and
Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's
Godowns at Kowloon, where each consign-
ment will be sorted out Mark by Mark, and
delivery can be obtained as soon as the
Goods are landed.
This Vessel brings on Cargo:-
From LONDON, ex s.s. India.
From AUSTRALIA, ex s.s. China.
From CALCUTTA, ex s.s. Burma.
From PERSIAN GULF, ex D.L.S.N. and
B. & P.S.N. Co.'s steamers.
Optional goods will be landed here un-
less instructions are given to the contrary
before 8 Hours.
Goods not cleared by the 17th December,
4 p.m., will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance will be effected by
us in any case whatever.
Damaged packages must be left in the
Godowns for examination by the Con-
signees and the Co.'s representatives at an
appointed hour. All claims must be pre-
sented within ten days of the steamer's
arrival here, after which date they cannot
be recognized. No claims will be admitted
after the goods have left the Godowns.S. SILVERSTONE,
Agent.

Hongkong, December 9, 1908. 1693

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.The Co.'s Steamship Kufang having
arrived from the above Ports, Con-
signees of cargo by her are hereby in-
formed that their goods will be delivered
from alongside.Cargo impeding the discharge or remain-
ing on board after 4 p.m. the 14th
inst., will be landed at Consignees' risk and
expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be counter-signed by
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, December 13, 1908. 1673

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